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Main Entry: **fer·rule** ˈfɛr-əl

Pronunciation: 'fer-əl

Function: *noun*

Etymology: alteration of Middle English *virole*, from Middle French, from Latin *viriola*, diminutive of *viria* bracelet, of Celtic origin; akin to Old Irish *fiar* oblique  
1 : a ring or cap usually of metal put around a slender shaft (as a cane or a tool handle) to strengthen it or prevent splitting

2 : a usually metal sleeve used especially for joining or binding one part to another (as pipe sections or the bristles and handle of a brush)

- **fer·ruled** *adjective*

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